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SUBJECT: ON EVE OF UNSC DEBATE

1. SUMMARY. CLERIDES HAS BEEN ORDERED ATTEND JUNE 13 UNSC DEBATE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON VIENNA II AS SEEN BY GOC (MAKARIOS). GREEK CYPRIOTS IN GENERAL ARE UNHAPPY OVER RESULT OF VIENNA AND RECENT TURKISH ACTIONS, BUT MOSTLY DETERMINED PLOD ON WITH NEGOTIATION. TURKISH CYPRIOTS BULLISH ON VIENNA II AND RECENT REFERENDUM, WHILE WARNING OF DANGER OF GUERILLA WAR FROM OTHER SIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER LENGTHY JOINT MEETING OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND NATIONAL COUNCIL JUNE 11, GOC ANNOUNCED THAT CLERIDES WILL ATTEND JUNE 13 UNSC DISCUSSION OF UNSYG REPORT. ACCORDING FONOFF DIRGEN, CLERIDES' MISSION ON INSTRUCTION FROM MAKARIOS AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS TO RECTIFY WHAT ARCHBISHOP CONSIDERS HIS MISTAKE IN ACCEPTING A BLAND VIENNA COMMUNIQUE THAT DISGUISED

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LACK OF MOVEMENT FROM TURKS. CLERIDES WILL ALSO CITE JUNE 8

TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AS EXAMPLE OF TURKS' FAITS ACCOMPLIS WHILE REFUSING MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION.

3. OVER PAST WEEK, GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE PONDERED FUTURE COURSE IN LIGHT VIENNA II AND RECENT TURK ACTIONS (REFERENDUM, OVERLIGHT, RUMORED SETTLEMENT AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF OCCUPATION ZONE).

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UP CLERIDES' JUNE 9 REMARKS TO PRESS (REF FBIS TA 092020Z JUNE NOTAL), IN WHICH HE SAID: (1) HE SAW NO NEED TO REASSESS COMMON ATHENS-NICOSIA "POLICY LINE" AND HENCE NO PROSPECT OF SUMMIT "FOR TIME BEING"; (2) HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO WALK OUT OF TALKS OVER ISSUE OF TURK PROSPECTIVE REFERENDUM AND HE HAD AGREED TO VIENNA III IN "COOPERATION WITH GREEK AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT", IN ORDER TO HEAR WHAT DENKTASH HAD TO SAY AND BECAUSE THERE NO "ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE" TO PRESENT TALKS MECHANISM; (3) THERE ROOM FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION ON POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS SET FORTH BY DENKTASH; (4) DENKTASH DID NOT ELABPRATE ON "IDEA" OF "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT" WHICH IN ANY CASE GREEK SIDE COULD NOT ACCEPT IF IT MEANT ABOLITION OF GOC.

4. LOCAL GREEK PRESS UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED TFSC CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AS NEW FAIT ACCOMPLI, EVIDENCE TURK BAD FAITH. SEVERAL PICKED UP "RACIST" ELEMENTS WHICH MAKE GREEKS FOREIGNERS IN OCCUPATION ZONE. MOST PARTIES, TRADE ORGANIZATIONS, REFUGEE GROUPS HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS CONDEMNING REFERENDUM. ALL PAPERS REPORT GOC DECISION DENOUNCE REFERENDUM ABROAD (REF FBIS TA 091703Z, 111310" JUNE NOTAL).

5. MOST GREEK PAPERS HERE REFLECT DESIRE TO CONTINUE WITH VIENNA PROCEDURE DESPITE TURK "PROVOCATIONS". ANTI-MAKARIZ PRESS AND LYSSARDIES' TA NEA SHOW GREAT RELUCTANCE TO FOLLOW THIS PATH.

A. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS INSISTS ON KEEPING CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK BUT CALLS FOR RE-NEWED COMMITMENT TO "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE". COMMUNIST CONFIDENTIAL

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HARAVGHI CONTINUES TO FEATURE POSITIVE ASPECTS VIENNA II. JUNE 12 EDITIONS OF BOTH PAPERS SUGGEST THAT GOC DELEGATION TO UNSC DEBATE WILL SEEK APPORTION "BLAME" FOR MEAGER RESULT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 367.

B. CLERIDES' AGHON PUOS BLAME FOR POOR SHOWING AT TURK DOORSTEP. IN CURIOUS CONTRAST TO CLERIDES' JUNE 9 REMARK (ABOVE), PAPER CALLS FOR NEW ATHENS-NICOSIA

SUMMIV TO REVIEW BIDDING. JUNE 11 AGHON FORECAST A "PERIOD OF DETENTE" BETWEEN NOW AND VIENNA II (REF FBIS AT 111620(8 JUNE NOTAL), DURING WHICH USG WILL LABOR BEHIND SCENES TO PRMVOTE "HONEST SOLUTION" THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. (ARTICLE BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO JUNE 10 ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE ITEM -- REF FBIS AT 102026Z JUNE NOTAL).

C. LURID MAKHI UNHAPPY WITH VIENNA II, CRITICIZES CLERIDES FOR NOT WALKING OUT, SAYS VIENNA III SHOULD BE LAST ROUND. FAR-RIGHT PATRIS EVEN MORE UNHAPPY AND CRITICAL OF CLERIDES FOR HIS "WELL-KNOWN TOLERANCE" OF DENKTASH. JUNE QW BOTH PAPERS CRITICIZE UNSYG REPORT FOR CREATING FALSE IMPRESSION OF PROGRESS.

D. ONCE AGAIN, LYSSARIES' TA NEA SOUNDS MOST SOUR NOTE. TA NEA DAILY CRITICIZES CLERIDES FOR NOT WALKING OUT OF VIENNA II AND FOR AGREEING TO VIENNA III. PAPERS CALLS VIENNA II A "DIPLOMATIC FAILURE FOR GREEK SIDE", SEES LITTLE -- IF ANY -- VIRTUE IN CONTINUING PRESENT COURSE OF TALKS.

6. TURKISH CYPRIOTS, ON OTHER HAND, EXUBERANT OVER REFERENDUM AND SATISFIED WITH RESULTS VIENNA II. THEIR PRESS PLAYS UP DENKTASH REMARKS RI RESUMPORON OF WORK OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE, OR FINDING NEW "FORMULA OR PROCEDURE, IF GREEK SIDE PREFERS. AT SAME TIME, AND TAKING CUE FROM DENKTASH STATEMENTS, TURK CYPRIOT PAPERS SEEM TO BE CONDUCTING VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN WITH LURID STORIES OF GREEK CYPRIOT ARMS IMPORTS, PREPARATIONS FOR GUERRILLA WAR, UNQUENCHED PASSION FOR ENOSIS.

7. COMMENT: THOUGH UNHAPPY WITH VIENNA II, GOC AND GREEK
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CYPRIOTS PUBLIC SEEM DETERMINED TO STAY COURSE THROUGH NEXT ROUND OF TALKS ALTHOUGH THERE IS INCREASING CONSIDERATION WITHIN GOC OF BREAKING OFF, THEREAFTER IF NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. WHILE CLERIDES UNDER INSTRUCTIONS MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD, WE UNDERSTAND GOC PREPARED LIVE WITH THE KIND OF UNCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION WHICH NONALIGNED CURRENTLY TRYING TO DRAFT. IN THIS SENSE, CLERIDES' PRESENCE IN NEW YORK COULD HAVE marginally USEFUL EFFECT IN CURBING ROSSIDES. END COMMENT.
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